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The documents submitted by applicant on 20 June 2003 in the Information Disclosure Statement have been considered and made of record. Note attached copy of form PTO-1449. None of the documents submitted disclose or reasonably suggest the novelty of the invention in the application. Namely, the documents submitted do not disclose or reasonably suggest an optical switch that comprises a nanowire structure that has a first and second electrical state that changes by exposing an active surface region with illuminating energy to release a chemical species selected from O₂, NO₂, H₂O, NO and SO₂.

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